

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21 and 22, and add new claims 41-51 as follows.

The following claims will replace all prior versions, or listings, of claims in the above-captioned application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) A lid for an electric juicing device, the lid comprising:
a polymeric cap in which is formed an opening;
the opening accommodating and having attached to it, a metal feed tube;
the feed tube having a circumferential flange that is affixed to the cap a gasket being
interposed between the flange and the cap; and
the gasket further comprising a neck and a surrounding ring, the neck sealing between
the feed tube and a vertical rim of the cap.

22. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 21, wherein;
an interior of the feed tube has attached to it a tapered metal knife.

23.-25. (Cancelled).

26. (Previously presented) The lid of claim 21, wherein:
fasteners extend through the flange into a retaining ring which is located adjacent to
an under side of the cap.

27. (Previously presented) The lid of claim 21, wherein:

fasteners extend through the flange and the surrounding ring of the gasket and through the cap into a retaining ring which is located adjacent to an under side of the cap.

28. (Previously presented) The lid of claim 21, wherein:

the cap has an undersurface that forms a smooth and continuous surface that extends from above a juice collection area to a pulp exit area of the cap, the lid acting to divert pulp to a pulp collector.

29. (Previously presented) The lid of claim 21, wherein;

the cap has a descending rim that cooperates with a juice stopping rim of a juice collector;

an angle between an outer surface of the descending rim and an inner surface of the juice stopping rim creating a tapered gap that is most narrow at the bottom.

30. -36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) The juicing device of claim 21, wherein:

an upper surface of the cap further comprises at least one cam surface and detent for receiving a locking bar.

38. -40. (Cancelled).

41. (New) A lid for an electric juicing device, the lid comprising:

(a) a polymeric cap in which is formed an opening;

(b) a metal feed tube, accommodated into and attached to the opening, wherein the feed tube has a circumferential flange that is affixed to the cap;

(c) a gasket interposed between the flange and the cap, wherein the gasket comprises a neck and a surrounding ring, the neck sealing between the feed tube and a vertical rim of the cap; and

(d) a metal knife attached to a lower interior of the metal feed tube.

42. (New) A lid of claim 41, wherein the knife is welded into or onto the feed tube.

43. (New) A lid of claim 41, further comprising:

(e) a pusher having a longitudinal slot, wherein the pusher is sized to enter the feed tube only when the longitudinal slot is aligned with the knife.

44. (New) A lid of claim 41, wherein the feed tube further comprises an upper rim having a marker formed therein, wherein the marker interferes with insertion of the pusher unless the pusher is oriented so that the slot is aligned with the knife.

45. (New) The lid of claim 41, wherein fasteners extend through the flange into a retaining ring that is located adjacent to an under side of the cap.

46. (New) The lid of claim 41, wherein fasteners extend through the flange and the surrounding ring of the gasket and through the cap into a retaining ring that is located adjacent to an under side of the cap.

47. (New) The lid of claim 41, wherein the cap has an undersurface that forms a smooth and continuous surface that extends from above a juice collection area to a pulp exit area of the cap, wherein the lid acts to divert pulp to a pulp collector.

48. (New) The lid of claim 41, wherein the cap has a descending rim that cooperates with a juice stopping rim of a juice collector; and

an angle between an outer surface of the descending rim and an inner surface of the juice stopping rim creates a tapered gap that is most narrow at the bottom.

49. (New) The lid of claim 41, wherein the metal knife is attached to the interior of the feed tube and offset from a center axis of the feed tube so that the center axis of the feed tube does not pass through the metal knife.

50. (New) An electric juicing device comprising a housing and a lid that attaches to the housing, wherein the lid comprises:

a polymeric cap in which is formed an opening;

the opening accommodating and having attached to it, a metal feed tube;

the feed tube having a circumferential flange that is affixed to the cap a gasket being interposed between the flange and the cap; and

the gasket further comprising a neck and a surrounding ring, the neck sealing between the feed tube and a vertical rim of the cap.

51. (New) An electric juicing device comprising a housing and a lid that attaches to the housing, wherein the lid comprises:

(a) a polymeric cap in which is formed an opening;

(b) a metal feed tube, accommodated into and attached to the opening, wherein the feed tube has a circumferential flange that is affixed to the cap;

(c) a gasket interposed between the flange and the cap, wherein the gasket comprises a neck and a surrounding ring, the neck sealing between the feed tube and a vertical rim of the cap; and

(d) a metal knife attached to a lower interior of the metal feed tube.